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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
YUTAKA IKUSHIMA et al : EXAMINER: OH, TAYLOR V.
SERIAL NO. : 09/659,821 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1623
FOR: METHOD OF NOVEL
NONCATALYTIC ORGANIC
SYNTHESIS

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended to January 3, 2003, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copy of amendments attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2 as follows.

032 1. (Twice Amended) A method of non-catalytic organic synthesis in a reaction that proceeds using OH^- , which comprises performing said reaction in the absence of catalyst without addition of any basic catalyst in supercritical water or subcritical water of at least 350°C with a reaction time of 10-400 seconds, utilizing a supply of OH^- from said water.